

MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST  
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SHAW HOUSE  
ANNAPOLIS, MARYLAND 21401

HISTORIC SITES SURVEY FIELD SHEET  
Individual Structure Survey Form

SURVEY NUMBER:

AA 535

NEGATIVE FILE NUMBER:

UTM REFERENCES:

Zone/Easting/Northing

U.S.G.S. QUAD. MAP:

PRESENT FORMAL NAME:

COUNTY: Anne Arundel

TOWN: Annapolis

LOCATION:

97 Main St.

COMMON NAME:

Sign of the Whale

FUNCTIONAL TYPE: Map 33 Par 63

OWNER: Port of Annapolis, Inc.

ADDRESS: P. O. Box 1904

Annapolis, MD 21404

ACCESSIBILITY TO PUBLIC:

Yes (x) No ( ) Restricted ( )

LEVEL OF SIGNIFICANCE:

Local ( ) State ( ) National (x) 

GENERAL DESCRIPTION:

Structural System

1. Foundation: Stone ( ) Brick (x) Concrete ( ) Concrete Block ( )
2. Wall Structure
  - A. Wood Frame: Post and Beam ( ) Balloon ( )
  - B. Wood Bearing Masonry: Brick (x) Stone ( ) Concrete ( ) Concrete Block ( )
  - C. Iron ( ) D. Steel ( ) E. Other:
3. Wall Covering: Clapboard ( ) Board and Batten ( ) Wood Shingle ( ) Shiplap ( )  
Novelty ( ) Stucco ( ) Sheet Metal ( ) Aluminum ( ) Asphalt Shingle ( )  
Brick Veneer (x) Stone Veneer ( ) Asbestos Shingle ( )  
Bonding Pattern: Flemish & Header Other:
4. Roof Structure
  - A. Truss: Wood (x) Iron ( ) Steel ( ) Concrete ( )
  - B. Other:
5. Roof Covering: Slate ( ) Wood Shingle (x) Asphalt Shingle ( ) Sheet Metal ( )  
Built Up ( ) Rolled ( ) Tile ( ) Other:
6. Engineering Structure:
7. Other:

Appendages: Porches ( ) Towers ( ) Cupolas ( ) Dormers ( ) Chimneys (x) Sheds ( ) Ells ( )  
Wings ( ) Other: Excellent Heavy Cornice

Roof Style: Gable (x) Hip ( ) Shed ( ) Flat ( ) Mansard ( ) Gambrel ( ) Jerkinhead ( )  
Saw Tooth ( ) With Monitor ( ) With Bellcast ( ) With Parapet ( ) With False Front ( )  
Other:

Number of Stories: 3

Number of Bays: 5 x 2

Approximate Dimensions: 40 x 45

Entrance Location: Green Street Facade

THREAT TO STRUCTURE:

No Threat (x) Zoning ( ) Roads ( )  
Development ( ) Deterioration ( )  
Alteration ( ) Other:

LOCAL ATTITUDES:

Positive ( ) Negative ( )  
Mixed ( ) Other:

ADDITIONAL ARCHITECTURAL OR STRUCTURAL DESCRIPTION:

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End wall chimneys excellent modillioned and dentiled wood cornice, molded watertable, brick belt courses at all floors, splayed brick arches at windows; excellent brickwork.

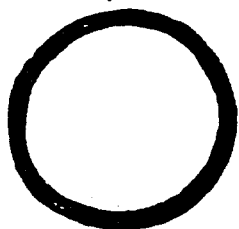
RELATED STRUCTURES: (Describe)

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE:

Traditional Customs House, one of the sites used by the British customs office, an excellent example of Georgian style used for Commercial use; excellent restoration, critical to streetscape.

REFERENCES:

MAP: (Indicate North In Circle)



SURROUNDING ENVIRONMENT:

Open Lane( )Woodland( )Scattered Buildings( )  
Moderately Built Up( )Densely-Built Up(x)  
Residential( )Commercial(x)  
Agricultural( )Industrial( )  
Roadside Strip Development( )  
Other:

RECORDED BY:

Russell Wright

ORGANIZATION:


Historic Annapolis, Inc

DATE RECORDED:

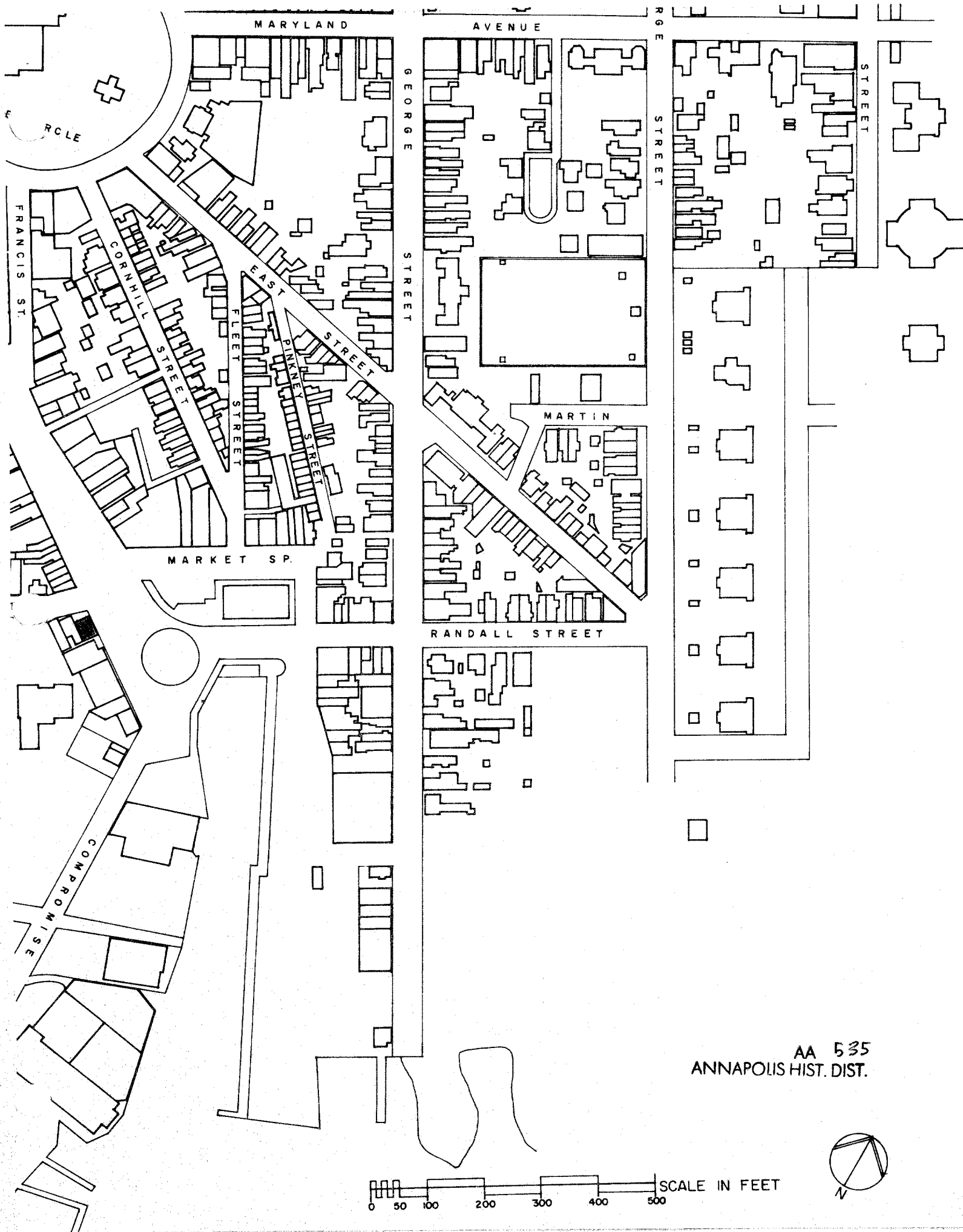
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Form 10-445  
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1. STATE Annapolis, Maryland COUNTY TOWN VICINITY STREET NO. 99 Main Street  ORIGINAL OWNER His Majesty's Govt. ORIGINAL USE customs house (TRADITIONAL) PRESENT OWNER Port of Annapolis, Inc. PRESENT USE Sports and Specialties WALL CONSTRUCTION brick NO. OF STORIES three plus attic		HISTORIC AMERICAN BUILDINGS SURVEY INVENTORY  2. NAME "Customs House" [incorrect attribution]  DATE OR PERIOD c. 1770 STYLE Georgian ARCHITECT BUILDER  3. FOR LIBRARY OF CONGRESS USE	
4. NOTABLE FEATURES, HISTORICAL SIGNIFICANCE AND DESCRIPTION  99 Main Street is an outstanding example of a pre-Revolutionary commercial building. The brick work is very fine and includes splayed brick lintels, a molded water table, and belt courses between 1st and 2nd, and 2nd and 3rd floors. There is a good Georgian wood cornice with modillions and dentils. The five windows on each floor are proportioned - 12/12, 12/18, and 8/8. In addition to being a fine architectural and important historical building, 99 Main is also an outstanding example illustrating how an old building can be restored successfully to 20th C. needs. Its size, and especially its end chimneys make it an important visual focal point, both for the block and the Market Space.		OPEN TO PUBLIC yes	
5. PHYSICAL CONDITION OF STRUCTURE  		excellent	
6. LOCATION MAP (Plan Optional)		7. PHOTOGRAPH	
8. PUBLISHED SOURCES (Author, Title, Pages) INTERVIEWS, RECORDS, PHOTOS, ETC.  Historic Annapolis, Inc. Constance Werner		9. NAME, ADDRESS AND TITLE OF RECORDER  William D. Morgan Columbia University New York City  DATE OF RECORD July 11, 1967	

SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION AND PHOTOGRAPHS MAY BE ADDED ON SHEET OF SAME SIZE





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